SOMEBODY'S THANKSGIVING DINNER

Committeemen Agree to

Support President.

Other Members of Interstate

Commerce Committee Refuse

Co-operation Now.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—Di-vergent views developed at a conference

of Republican members of the Senato

day. The conference followed a regular

meeting of the committee in the afternoon and was attended by six of the eight Republican members. Of the six

developed that Senators Elkins, Aldrich,

Kean and Foraker were nearly in ac

cord on one side, and Senators Cullon and Doillver were on the other. No

Senators in the first group mentioned in dicated their desire for harmonious ac-

tion and not too radical legislation Senators Cullom and Dolliver insisted that the only way to have harmoniou Republican action was for all the Re

MURPHY'S BROTHER

TO FACE GRAND JURY

(By Associated Press.)

THE WEATHER.

The emometer This Day Last Year

Conditions Yesterday.

Highest temperature Yeslerday.
Lowest temperature yesterday.
Mean temperature yesterday.
Normal temperature yesterday.
Departure from normal temperature...

Condition in Important Cities.

Norfolk Pittsburg, Pa. Raleigh St. Louis, Mo. Tampa, Fla. Wilmington

members attending the conference

PRICE TWO CENTS.

PAID_BLACKMAIL 'BOSS'' PLATT

Astute Politician Acknowledges Receiving Compensation.

\$10.000 A YEAR TO CAMPAIGN FUND

Senator Platt Testifies Before Insurance Investigation Committee That He Appropriated the Contributions For His and Other Influences.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.-John A. Nichols, a lawyer, who was quarantine com-1580 to 1892, who wrote the letters to Senator Chauncey M. Depew in behalf of his friend, who usually gets around at this was getting "rambunctious" and needed nelp, was the first witness before the infryestigating committee to-day Much interest had been aroused by the eading on Friday of the letter written Nichols to Senator Depew. The sen-or was not able to remember who Mr.

s's friend was, hown by vouchers under observaythe committee Friday, Mr. Nichceived retainers from the Equitable
assurance Society. When he went
the committee to-day he testified
te had been employed by the Equifor twenty to twenty-five years unannual retainer of \$1,000, and said
still under that retainer. Recently
s employed by the Mutual Life inthe Company. He said he was conby the officers of the Equitable on
s not connected with the legisla1004.

He took the witness chair and

sensior Fiatt said that the Equitable Society contributed \$10,000 a year to the Republican oate campaign fund. Senator Platt said the contributions were in cash and were sent by messenger to his office and he turned them over to the State committee. They were unsolicited, he said. Senator Platt said that \$10,000 was frequently paid as an annual contribution to the State campaign fund, but that it was not a regular thing and that he could not remember the years in which it was paid.

York Life Insurance Com-

c insurance companies. He add-e does not know Andrew Hamil-anything about Hamilton's ac-fore the legislature, we nothing about Andrew C, the represented the Mutual Life Company at Albany, Senator I also that he had received fre-tributions of \$10,00 each from al. Life Insurance Company,

influence at all in reference

don't know anything about it. sir, rned these contributions over to the Committee, and then my connec-with them ceased."

No Cash For Candidates. "Do you know whether by virtue of such contributons any allotments of money were made for the purpose of help-ing the campaign of candidates for the "legislature?"

There was not that I know of."

Inquiries have been made from time to time here with regard to the insurance department; what influence had the insurance companies in regard to the appointment of the superintendent of insurance, so far as you know?"

"I don't thank they had any influence of far as I know."
"Have you ever been asked, Senator, on behalf of any of the insurance companies to intervene in their favor by Sason of such contributions?"
"Never in the world."
"In connection with matters of legislation of the insurance department?"
"Never in the world."
"At all in connection with matters of legislation?"

"They have never asked me in the

"And you have never done anything of the kind?" "I have not."

Contributions Justified.

The senator expressed the opinion that life insurance companies were justified in making campaign contributions while the gold issue was at stake. He did not care to pass upon the justification of the companies in giving money for State

MIDDY WILL KNOW HIS FATE SOON

Trial of the Midshipman Meriwether Starts This Morning.

MUCH SYMPATHY FOR YOUNG MAN

Naval Circles Are Stirred and Many, Especially the Women Think That He Should Not Be Held Responsible For Branch's Death.

Preparations are complete for the begin-Midshipman Minor Meriwether, 'Jr., or three charges connected with the death of Midshipman James R. Branch, which prearranged fist tight at the Navia Accou-emy. The sessions will begin at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and will be held in the barn-like building originally erected as a temporary reclusion hall. It faces the Maryland Avenue drive of the Acad-emy, and is about fifty yards from the main gate.



Trial by Court-Martial of the Mid-shipman Charged with Man-slaughter Starts To-day.

cused from duty on the court request, and Captain R. E. tailed in his place. Admiral Pythian was at the time of his retirement the senior to every member of the court, but was retired as commodore. Thus both Admiral Ramsay and Admiral McCormick now rank him.

APPROVES PRESIDENT'S PLAN AND SAWS WOOD

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSONVIILE, FLA., November 21, —The Georgia Inter-State Sawmill Asso-ciation, composed of saw-mill men from Georgia and Florida, met here to-day and endorsed President Roosevelt's rullway

A. C. L. Increases Dividend.

A. C. L. Intreases Divident.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, November 21.—The directors of the Atlantic Const Line Railway

to-day declared a semi-annual dividend

of 3 per cent., which is an increase of
hulf of one per cent

REPORTED INCREASE

DIG GREAT CANAL Only Two of Six Republican

His Name is Ward, and He Says He Has the Experience and Backing.

RAILROAD IN CUBA

Besides Familiarity with Work, Mr. Ward Claims to Understand Conditions.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., November 21. Virginian will seek to obtain the contract for the construction of the Panama canal. His name is Ward, and he has various parts of the world. His name is chiefly known in railway construction pircles through his having built the Cuban Central Railroad for the Van Dorn syndicate, a piece of work that attracted considerable attention.

Mr. Ward has resided in Panama for several years, is familiar with the peo-ple and conditions on the Isthmus, and, in addition, is thoroughly acclimated. He was here for some time up to several days ago, when he went to New York to see his children, who are in school in that city. That he intends to make a

Mr. Ward was born in Virginia about fitty years ago, in Stafford or Spotsylvania counties. He has steadfastly avoided newspaper notoriety in connection with the matter of bidding for the canal workand the information that he will try to get the contract comes from Secretary Moseley, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who knows him well. Mr. Ward says there will not be great difficulty in building the canal, and that any contractor familiar with the work to he done is in a position to bid on it, provided he has the proper financial backing, which it is said he will have.

TO SING SING PRISON FOR ILLEGAL VOTING

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, November 21.—The first sentence for illegal voting at New York's recent election was passed to-day upon Edward Meade. He was sentenced to Sing Sing prison for not less than two years, nor more than three years and six months. He pleaded guilty to voting twice on election day.

SHAW TO ADDRESS TAMPA BOARD OF TRADE

(By Associated Press.)

TAMPA, FLA., November 21.-A telegram received to-night from Secretary of the Treasury Slaw states that he will be in Tampa Thursday as the guest of the board of trade and the Fair Asso-ciation and will speak here on the issues of the day and be the guest of honor at a banquet.

SALOON KEEPER PAID JOHN KRUP'S BOND

IN L. & N. DIVIDEND

care to press upon the justification of the companies in giving money for State companies in giving money for State companies in giving money for State companies. They got it through me as being connected with the State committee. They would be very likely to defend them at times when it was necessary; I never had occasion to do it."

"Have they ever proquested your support in any matter?"

"They never have."

"I understood you to say they would expect you would support or the failure of the Atlantic Coast Line directors to declare a 4 per cent declare a 4 per cent despisation which they thought hostile to policy-holders?"

"That is about what it would amount to."

"How could you control that situation?"

"I could not control it."

"I' could not control it."

"How could you in any way influence if it louisellle and Nashville and Nashville and Nashville and Nashville is placed in the countrol it in the foundation for the rumor is no one seems to be able to say, but the Eighteenth Assembly Disvibility who could you control that situation?"

"I could not control it."

"I' could not control it."

"I' might have some influence."

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SENATE MEMBERS

Measured Mile at 19.74 Miles An Hour.

CULLOM AND DOLIVER PAT RHODE ISLAND IS BEATEN

Fighting Ship Finishes Test in a Time Beyond Contract Requirements.

ROCKLAND, ME., November 21 .- The Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, in her screw standardizing tests to-day, made one dush over the measured mile off Owl's Head at the apeed of 18.74 knots an hour, a new American mile record for ships of her class, and 31 parts of a knot faster than that made by the Rhode Island three weeks affe. weeks ago. The spurt was made on the third of the

eleven runs, during which it was ascer-tained that 129.3 revolutions of her screws tain her contract speed of 19 knots am hour. The Rhode Island required 125.8 revolutions to maintain the same speed. The trial to-day was made under favor-able conditions, there being a fairly strong off-shore breeze, which made the course comparatively smooth. The bat-tleship left the harbor shortly before 9 o'clock this morning, and after warming up ran up the bay, came back, and ip ran up the bay, came back, and headed for the mile with her smote-stacks belching great clouds of smote and the water tumbling in huge cataracts over her bows. The average for five over her lows. The average for hive best runs over the course was 18,978 knots an hour. The machinery worked per-fectly and there was very little vibra-tion at high speed. The starboard engine averaged 129.32 revolutions, and the port 129.22 revolutions while the vessels was making her 19 knots.

129.22 revolutions while the vessels was making her 19 knots.

The crew will be given a rest to-morrow, and on Thursday the Virginia will start down the coast on her four-hour endurance run, during which she must show a speed of 19 knots an hour.

In addition to the trial board, headed by Carling I. H. Davion there was the coast of the coast by Captain J. H. Dayton, there was or oard to-day Captain Seaton Schroeder

who will command the Virginia after shi goes into commission. TO REDUCE COTTON ACREAGE NEXT YEAR

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK. November 21.—The grand tury which is invostigating election frauds to-dev subnocenced John J. Murnhy, brother of Charles F. Murnhy, the leader of Tammany Hall, and James E. Gafrey. alderman from the Eighteenth Assembly District, in which Charles F Murnhy lives. John J. Murphy is a partner in the New York Contracting Company and the wife of James Gaffney is said to be a pariner in the same company Both men were excused for the day and will be heard to-morrow. (By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Nov. 21.—President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, in an interview to-day said that the preparation to the up three million bales of cotton and hold for higher prices, in face of an alrendy established short crop and unprecedented consumption is well under way and promises successful results. He said: "The entire machinery of the association will be put in motion within a few days pledging the cotton growers of the South to a reduced acreage for next year. We will begin thus early to hold down the acreage to give the planters full opportunity to make arrangements for another year." Forecast; Virginia—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; light north winds. North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; fresh northeast to north winds on the coast.

WIT AND WISDOM FROM STRONG MEN

Annual Banquet of New Stockholders of A. C. L. York Chamber of Commerce,

MONTAGUE AND ALDERMAN SPEAK

Former Responds to the Toast, "Our United Country," and the Latter to "The Making of a National Spirit" in Eloquent Words.

(By Associated Press.)

of Commerce held its one hundred and thirty-seventh annual banquet to-night in Delmonicos'. Morris K. Jessup, pres-D. Grant, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, Governor Andrew J. Montague, of Virginia; Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; William Ridgelly, Comptroller of the Currenley; Alfred Mosely, C. M. G., and

Leutenant-General Adner R. Chaffee.
The first toast of the evening was to
the President of the United States, and
this was followed by a toast to the King
of England. Then followed the toast
"England and America," to which Mr.
Choate responded.
General Porter responded to the toast,
"The Diplomatic and Commercial Relations Between the Two Great Republics." Governor Montague, of Virginia,
spoke to the toast, "Our United Country," and President Alderman to the
toast, "The Making of a National Spirit."
Governor Montague's Speech. Big Battleship Dashes Over

toast, "The Making of a National Spirit."
Governor Montague's Speech.
Governor Montague's Speech.
The insistent bospitality of your Chamber finds me a reluctant but appreciative recipient of the honor you do me and the theme assigned is at least congenial to my patriotism if embarrassing to my poor abilities.
"On' United Country" is doubtless dear to the gentlemen of this assemblage, who have contributed so much to its growth and power. The subject. too, is happily named, for it is at once its own statement, and the statement, its own demonstration.

sions have served to shake their several people to a sturdler base; and have not our many rude jostles brought us to a firmer if not a new foundation?

Ronds of Fraternity. Ronds of Fraternity.

The task of our conscript fathers to form and fashion a federal government was stupendous. What precedent, what prototype, could they lay hands upon? The Achaean League was available more in imagination than in history. They could build the ship, but the currents and winds and charts of the seas were beyond their straining visions. They could make a State a nation, but how could make a State a nation, but how could they adjust one to the other? The embryo of adjustment was, however, in the womb of our civilization, but the sorrowful travail awaited the Caesarian kuife of bat-

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THE AMALGAMATION OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS

Joint Committee Do Not Reach a Conclusion and Concessions Necessary.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTISSVILLE, VA., November
21.—Dr. Hagen and A. C. Braxton, a subcommittee from the Medical College of
Viginia, were here to-day to discuss
the question of the proposed amalgamation of that institution with the Medical
School of the University of Virginia.
At the close of the conference no definite
statement could be obtained as to the
conclusions reached, it can be safely
said, however, that the joint committee
has reached a position in which it is impossible to go any further without decided concessions from one side or the
other. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Condition in Important Cities.

Place (At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.)

Place There is a second of the condition The time for the next meeting of the committee has not yet been fixed.

Cotton Estimate.

Miniature Almanac.

Sun rises. 6:58
Sun sets. 4:55
Moon rises. 1:54
Moon rises. 1:54

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STEVENS SUCCEEDS PITKIN TEMPORARILY

Former President of Brooks' Locomotive Works Now Head of Amer. Locomotive Co.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, November 21.-At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of directors of the American Locumotive Company, which concern controls the Richmond Locomotive Works, Frederick H. Stevens was elected chairman.

Mr. Stevens was president of the Brooks Locometive Works, of Dunkirk, N. Y., prior to their absorption by the American Locometive Company. He has been a director and member of the executive committee of the company for some years. He will now act as chief executive officer of the company, pending the appointment of a president to succeed A. J. Pitkin.

Admiral Train in Cavite.

(By Associated Press.)

MANILA, Nov. 21.—Read-Admiral Train,
on board his flagship, the battleship Onto,
and accompanied by the battleship Oregon,
arrived at Cavite this morning, from ports
on the China coast.

EMERSON TAKES ERWIN'S PLACE

Elect a New President.

INCREASE DECLARED IN ANNUAL DIVIDEND

Mr. George B. Elliott Is Made Assistant General Counsel-Headquarters of President Will be Moved From New York to Wilmington.

The stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad at their annual meeting held yesterday morning at the company's offices, in this city, elected Mr. T. M. Emerson president, in place of Mr. R. r. Erwin, who resigned.

of Mr. Edwin came like a thunder clap to the stockholders, who filled the room, The president had just finished reading his annual report when Mr. Henry Walters, chairman of the board, and controller of the majority stock of the Emerson for president, Mr. Walters still be closely identified with the afof directors and as president

subsidiary companies controlled by the Atlantic Coast Line.

Mg. Erwin seconded Mr. hamerson's nomination, and after complimenting the stockholders on their selection of Mr. Emerson, who he said had served the

Increase in Dividends

although the meeting was hel

Directors Elected.

man, and Mr. E. B. Borden, secretary man, and Mr. E. B. Borden, sectary.
Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Mr. Frederick
W. Scott and Mr. Borden were appointed
a committee on proxies. While these gentlemen were out, engaged in examining
the proxies, the announcement was made the proxies, the announcement was made by Mr. Branch that the dividend had been increased one per cent, per annum, "It will be increased another one per cent, next year," said Mr. Branch, and the stockholders laughed pleasantly. Amongst those present were Mr. Henry Walters, of Baltimore, chairman of the board; Mr. Morton F. Plant, of New York; Mr. R. G. Erwin, president of the Atlantic Coast Line; Mr. T. M. Emerson, the newly elected president; Mr. M. J. O'Brian, president Adams Express Company of New York; Mr. Rigs, Neustadt, of New York; Mr. Alexander Handlton, of Pitsburg; Mr. Fred W. Scott, Mr. John P. Branch, Mr. George Cole Scott, Mr. Edward W. Scott, Jr., Mr. Thomas B. Scott, Mr. Lilburn Myers, Mr. George T. Seay, Mr. Waldo Newcomer, of Baltimore; United Newcomer, of Baltimore; Mr. Alexander Handlton, of Pitsburg; Mr. Bred W. Scott, Jr., Br. Wullis; Mr. H. E. Baskerville, Mr. H. L. Cabell, Mr. W. Bryden Tennant, Mr. Frank A. Davenport, Mr. Crump, Major Sully, Mr. H. L. Borden, of New York; Mr. E. B. Borden, of North Carolina; Mr. Donald MacRae, of North Carolina; Mr. Hugh MacRae, of North Carolina; Mr. Hugh MacRae, of North Carolina; Mr. Donald MacRae, of North Carolina; Mr. Hugh Ma Mr. Branch that the dividend had

Vice-Presidents.

The vice-Presidents.

The vice-presidents were elected as follows: First Vice-President, Alexander Hamilton, of Petersburg; Second Vice-President, C. S. Gadsden, of Charieston; Third Vice-President, J. R. Kenly, of Wilmington.

These offices were held by the same gentlemen last year, except that Mr. Kenly goes up from fourth to third vice-president. No fourth vice-president was elected.

On motion of Mr. Walters, the Icelustrational Control of Mr. Walters o

On motion of Mr. Walters, the follow-